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1. CONVERSATIONS WITH JULIO SAURI, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GODR'S ELECTRIC COMPANY (CDE), AND THE VISITING DOD TEAM ON THE POWER BARGE WEBER APPEAR TO BE GOING WELL. FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION YESTERDAY MORNING, SAURI, DOD TEAM, AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR VISITED PROPOSED MOORING SITE IN THE HIGUAMO RIVER AT SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS.

2. THIS PROPOSED SITE IS IMMEDIATELY NEXT TO CDE POWER STATION AND FUEL STORAGE TANKS AND FUEL PIPELINE FROM PORT. SITE SEEMS TO BE SATISFACTORY FROM POINT OF VIEW OF PROTECTION FROM OCEAN CURRENTS AND POSSIBLE HURRICANES, RIVER FLOODING, OR WAVE ACTION FROM OTHER SHIPS. AN ADDED BONUS IS THAT THE WATER AT THE SITE HAS VERY LITTLE SALT. THE FOREGOING BASED ON PRELIMINARY IMPRESSIONS, WITH DOD TEAM, OF COURSE, LATER TO MAKE ITS REPORT.

3. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH SAURI, DOD TEAM MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF TWO MEMBERS FROM THE WEBER CREW AS RESIDENT ENGINEERS
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(POSSIBLY TWO NCO'S) TO ASSIST GODR ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. (PARA SEVEN OF DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. ARMY AND AID WHICH DOD TEAM BROUGHT WITH IT.) SAURI IMMEDIATELY STATED THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE THIS ARRANGEMENT. HE WAS EVEN MORE PLEASED WHEN TOLD THAT THE ESTIMATED COST OF TWO SUCH RESIDENT ENGINEERS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY US\$34,000 PER ANNUM FOR SALARIES, HOUSING, AND TRANSPORTATION IN COUNTRY.

4. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD WITH SAURI ABOUT AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH SUCH RESIDENT ENGINEERS WILL HAVE. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY AT THIS STAGE TO EXPLORE SERVICES OF NUCLEAR SUPPORT.

5. SAURI INDICATED HE IS COMPLETELY WILLING TO HAVE TWO SUCH US RESIDENT ENGINEERS TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. SINCE BARGE WOULD BE MOORED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO PRINCIPAL CDE POWER STATION IN THE EAST, PRESENCE OF TWO SUCH US TECHNICIANS WOULD DOUBTLESSLY BE BENEFICIAL IN ASSISTANCE TO CDE IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE IN ITS OWN PLANT.

6. SAURI IS NOW RPT NOW ARRANGING APPOINTMENT WITH DOMINICAN NAVY FOR VISITING DOD TEAM TO DISCUSS TOWING ARRANGEMENTS. UPON CONCLUSION THESE DISCUSSIONS, EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER.

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